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E.O.11652: N/A  
TAGS: IK, RH, PFOR  
SUBJ: GOI CRITICIZES SMITH REGIME

1. LOCAL PRESS HAS GIVEN PROMINENT PUBLICITY TO STATEMENT  
ISSUED JULY 20 BY GOI MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
SPOKESMAN STRONGLY CRITICAL OF IAN SMITH'S CALL FOR NEW  
ELECTIONS IN RHODESIA. TERMING SUCH ACTION "SUICIDE", THE  
SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS "REGRETTABLE" THAT SMITH HAD DECIDED  
TO PERPETUATE "THE PRESENT ILLEGAL REGIME OF THAT REALM".

2. FULL STATEMENT FOLLOWS:  
"IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT THE ILLEGAL RHODESIA GOVERNMENT,  
WITHOUT TAKING ANY NOTICE OF THE VARIOUS SOLUTIONS PUT FOR-  
WARD TO IT FOR THE PEACEFUL TRANSFER OF POWER TO THE BLACK  
MAJORITY OF THAT TERRITORY, HAS DISSOLVED PARLIAMENT AND  
DECIDED TO PERPETUATE THE PRESENT ILLEGAL REGIME IN THAT  
TERRITORY.

FOR HIS (SMITH'S) ADOPTION OF THIS POLICY, WHICH IS IN  
FACT SUICIDE, THERE IS ONLY ONE EXPLANATION: HE HAS LOST  
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HIS FACULTY OF JUDGMENT AND HE IS UNAWARE OF THE IMPORT  
OF WHAT HE SAYS."

3. COMMENT: THIS WAS THE FIRST OFFICIAL COMMENT ON THE  
RHODESIAN ELECTIONS AND WAS UNCHARACTERISTICALLY BLUNT  
AS COMPARED WITH USUAL GOI FOREIGN RELATIONS PRONOUNCE-  
MENTS. IT WAS DESCRIBED IN PRESS AS A RESPONSE TO A

QUESTION PUT BY THE PARS NEWS AGENCY, BUT MORE LIKELY  
EXPLANATION IS THAT IT WAS A GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE. THIS  
STATEMENT IS THE LATEST IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE A CURRENT  
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE SMITH REGIME.  
FIVE DAYS AGO LOCAL PRESS CARRIED A "REMINDER" FROM THE  
CENTRAL BANK OF IRAN THAT COMMERCIAL BANKS ARE NOT  
ALLOWED TO ISSUE LETTER OF CREDIT FOR TRADE TRANSACTIONS  
WITH RHODESIA. THIS WAS CONFIRMATION OF AN EARLIER GOI  
DECISION TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS  
AGAINST RHODESIA.  
SULLIVAN

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED.

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